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### HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD RESUBMITS REQUEST FOR AID

An application for state and federal funds to aid in the construction of a hospital in the Washington Township Hospital District will be resubmitted to the State Department of Public Health in the near future.

The action was voted Wednesday evening by the board of directors of the district at a meeting held at Washington Union High School.

#### CUT COST 25 PER CENT

The local board had originally estimated that the cost of constructing and equipping a hospital here would be \$1,200,000 and had asked for federal and state aid on that basis.

Their application, submitted in July of 1949, was returned by the State Department of Public Health with the notation that it was "unable to act favorably" on the proposition.

L. S. Whitaker, chairman of the local hospital district board, announced Wednesday evening that a more recent survey of construction costs shows that the original estimates were too high. The new application will be based on a total cost of \$880,000, a reduction of almost 25 per cent.

By being able to cut the total cost and thus reduce the amount of appropriations needed from state and federal funds, Whitaker was hopeful that the state health department might endorse the plan.

#### INVITE OFFICIALS HERE

"We are also going to ask the members of the State Board of Health to come here and go over the district with the local district board," Whitaker said. "We are hopeful that by getting a first-hand picture of our district and its needs the board might better understand our problems."

Members of the local hospital district board, in addition to Whitaker, are: A. E. Alameda, Allan Walton, M. S. Silva and Fred Melhase.

#### LARGE CROWD ENJOYS VETS YULE PARTY

Tap-dancing by a group of little girls, as well as motion pictures and a visit by old St. Nick, in addition to community singing provided plenty of entertainment for the veterans' Christmas party held Monday evening at the Memorial Building in Niles.

A large crowd of veterans and their families enjoyed the affair, which was sponsored jointly by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary, and the Washington Township Post American Legion and their Auxiliary.

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#### SPONSOR CONTEST IN CENTERVILLE

Harry Weber, A. E. Alameda and Erle Hygelund were named Wednesday as judges of the Centerville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorations contest.

The Chamber will award cash prizes for the best decorated homes and business houses of the community. Judging was to be done last night.

It was voted to remove the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 8, and a call for volunteers was made.

The group also voted to suspend the weekly meetings until after the holidays, setting the next meeting for Wednesday, January 11.

#### NEWARK SCHOOL MOVES CLASSES TO NEW BUILDING

Six classes of the Newark Elementary School have moved into their beautiful new school building and two more are expected to be shifted from the old building during the holiday vacation.

J. I. MacGregor, district superintendent and principal of the school, said this week that the two first grades, two second grades, eighth grade and third grade are now housed in the new building. He stated that the fourth and fifth grades will be moved next week if the necessary furniture for the new classrooms arrives in time.

#### 2 GRADES IN OLD BUILDING

The sixth and seventh grades will be housed in the old building until such time as the additional portion of the overall building program is completed.

The new building houses nine classrooms, the principal's office and a teachers' room. According to the state-approved building plan for the Newark District the section completed is approximately half of the overall construction (Continued on page 12)

#### CAROL SINGING TONIGHT AT NILES FLAGPOLE

A special Christmas treat is in store for the townspeople of Niles tonight, for at six o'clock the Niles Cub Scout Pack will perform in a Christmas carol program at the flagpole.

Not only the carols will be sung as group numbers, but several duets will be sung, including: Johnny Stewart and Stanley Rebello singing "Silent Night"; Billy Granger and Gil Whipple singing "Jingle Bells"; Kenneth Andrus and Clifford Andrus singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"; and "Skeeter" Brown and John Cataneo Jr. singing "White Christmas."

Den One will sing "Silent Night," with Jed Oxborrow accompanying the boys on an instrument; and all of the dens together will join in singing the favorite old Christmas carols.

The Cubs, who have rehearsed diligently for this program, hope that the townspeople will show their appreciation by appearing at the performance. Mrs. John Stewart will lead them in singing, while her husband will act as master of ceremonies.

Plan on having an early dinner tonight, so that you can be downtown to hear the boys at six o'clock. You won't want to miss it!

#### SERVICES TODAY FOR FORMER RESIDENT

The body of Mrs. Julie Gallant, a former resident of Niles who died early this week in San Francisco, will be brought here today for brief services and interment.

Mrs. Gallant, the former Julie Fadi, is a sister of Mrs. Leontine Rose of Niles.

Services will be held at the Berge Mortuary Company at 2 p.m. today, followed by interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Mission San Jose.

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#### NEWARK TO GET 'SPECIAL' VISIT

The Newark Chamber of Commerce this week completed a "deal" with Santa Claus.

The jolly old gentleman has agreed to pay a special visit to the community early Christmas Eve to visit the youngsters before they are tucked into bed.

Under the arrangements made with the Chamber of Commerce, persons having youngsters in their home who would like a visit from the First Citizen of the North Pole should turn on their porch light early in the evening.

As soon as the visit is concluded they are asked to turn off their porch light to save him the trouble of duplication.

#### HELM, ENOS NAMED TO VACANCIES ON NILES FIRE BOARD

The appointment of Bill Helm and E. E. Enos to the Niles Board of Fire Commissioners, subject to the approval of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, was announced this week by A. M. Alves, board chairman.

Enos and Helm were named to fill the vacancies on the board created by the resignation of E. Dias and Virgil Young.

The resignation of Dias marks the completion of more than 25 years of service by Mr. Dias to the fire department of Niles.

More than 25 years ago he joined the volunteer fire department as a fireman. A short time later he became assistant fire chief.

About 1929 he was appointed to the Board of Commissioners and has served as secretary of that body until his resignation this week.

Mr. Young had served as clerk of the board for the past two years.

#### TOWNSHIP CHAMBER WILL BE ORGANIZED OFFICIALLY DEC. 28

Endorsement of the proposed Township Chamber of Commerce was voted by a sixth community Chamber of Commerce this week and the remaining Chamber will meet tonight for a vote on the plan.

Newark Chamber, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, voted endorsement and financial backing to the proposed organization, becoming the sixth of the seven local community groups to favor the township-wide organization.

Leslie Maffey, secretary of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, announced that cards have been mailed to members calling for a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the fire station, at which time the plan will be submitted to the members for vote. The annual election of officers for the Alvarado Chamber will also be held at tonight's meeting.

Prior to this week's action, Chambers of Commerce in Niles, Centerville, Warm Springs, Irvington and Decoto had voted to participate in the Township Chamber.

All delegates from the individual Chambers to the Township Chamber will meet at the Justice Court in Centerville on Wednesday, December 28, at 8 p.m., at which time the unit will be officially organized and officers elected.

The delegates, at their last meeting, expressed hope that a part-time executive secretary could be employed and the organization be in operation by January 1.

#### INSIDE, PLEASE

On page nine you will find further news concerning your friends and what they will be doing over the Christmas holiday.

## Antone George Family Asphyxiated in Home; Blame Faulty Furnace

An entire family of three lost their lives by asphyxiation in their home near Niles during the night Monday.

The victims were Antone P. George, 48, his wife, Irene Vincent George, 45, and their son, Marvin, 16, who were found dead in their home one mile west of Niles on the Niles-Alvarado highway about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The faulty floor-type furnace, which had filled the closed house with deadly carbon monoxide fumes, was still burning when sheriff's deputies forced their way into the house.

Mr. and Mrs. George and their son had spent the evening at his brother's, Frank P. George, next door, and had returned to their home shortly after 9 p.m.

The prominent young couple had just celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary last week.

As the bodies were carried solemnly from the home, officers stopped to turn off the Christmas lights on the tree which was surrounded by gaily wrapped packages that the family had prepared for a Christmas which they never lived to celebrate.

#### SENSED SOMETHING WRONG

In reconstructing the tragedy, B. D. Bungarz, chief deputy coroner, stated that it was apparent that Mr. George and Marvin went to bed in separate bedrooms while Mrs. George remained up to do some ironing in her husband's room.

It is believed that she was the only one of the three to realize that something was wrong. Unable to smell the deadly fumes, she had apparently sensed that she was becoming ill and had removed one shoe before she collapsed on the bed beside her husband. Mr. George and Marvin never awoke from their sleep.

Discovery of the tragedy was made after his brother was unable to arouse anyone the following morning and called the officers.

#### HAD WORKED ON FURNACE

Coroner Bungarz, following an examination of the bodies, estimated that death occurred about midnight.

The deputy coroner went on to say that an examination of the premises revealed that an air vent on the furnace was not connected. He said that he learned that the furnace had been worked on the previous day by Mr. George and friend.

A rosary service was recited at the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company in Niles last evening.

Services for all three of the victims will be held at 9:30 a.m. today (Friday) from the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company, Niles, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

Both Mr. and Mrs. George were natives of San Leandro. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Rose of Hayward and the late Frank P. George; brother of Frank P. George of Niles, Mrs. Edward Frates of Hayward, and Edward George of San Francisco.

Mrs. George was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone J. Silva of San Leandro and sister of Mrs. William J. Hart of San Leandro.

Young Marvin, member of the Junior class at Washington Union High School, was the couple's only child.

#### HERMAN MAU DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Herman Mau, 67, prominent Centerville machinist, succumbed suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Centerville Tuesday evening.

The well known businessman had attended a whist party given by the Washington Township Sportsmen's Club, of which he was an active member, during the evening and had just returned to his home when he was stricken.

Mr. Mau first opened his machine shop in Centerville in 1923 at the corner of Main and Parish Streets. Ten years ago he moved his shop to the Centerville Garage and Machine Shop.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 3, Oakland, and the Township Sportsmen's Club.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vivian Mau; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Riele of Hayward and Maxine Mau of Centerville; a sister, Mrs. Edith Wright of Oakland, and a brother, Fred Mau of Modesto. He was a native of Nevada.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today (Friday) from the parlors of the Chapel of the Palms, Centerville, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. Closing services will be at the Oak Hill Crematory, San Jose.

#### MRS. R. S. RANGEL CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Rosaria S. Rangel, 46, 404 Third Street, Niles, died in an Alameda Hospital Tuesday.

She was a native of Mexico and the wife of Esteban Rangel and mother of Rosemary Rangel.

Services will be held from the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company, Niles, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

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## CHRISTMAS in the CHURCHES

#### ST. JAMES CHURCH Centerville

Rev. Arthur Freeman, Rector  
Saturday at 7 p.m., a Christmas service consisting of scripture readings by the elder members of the school, hymns, carols and prayers.

At 11 p.m. Christmas Eve there will be a program of carols by the choir.

The choral celebration of Holy Communion will be held at 11:30 p.m., and the choir will sing two anthems, "Jesu Bambino" and "Oh Holy Night."

Sunday, 10 a.m., celebration of Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Sunday, morning prayer and sermon by the pastor on the subject, "Going to Bethlehem."

#### FULL GOSPEL TEMPLE Niles

Rev. Fred C. Hahn, Pastor  
Christmas Sunday morning school at 9:45 a.m.

The address by the pastor at 11 a.m. worship service will be "The 12 Presentations of Christ." Special music will be rendered by Gertrude H. Hahn and the young peoples' choir.

Watch Night service on December 31 will be featured by a Holy Communion Service and Praise meeting.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Niles

Rev. William F. Hunter, Pastor  
The 11 a.m. sermon topic will be "What's the Real Meaning of Christmas."

At the 7:30 p.m. service the Rev. Hunter will speak on the subject, "No Vacancy."

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Niles

Rev. Paul Focht, Pastor  
The Church School program will be held tonight (Friday) at 7:30 o'clock at Ford-Pilgrim Hall of the church. The program will feature recitations and songs by the children. A Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Rang," will be told by Miss Elaine Howe, Niles librarian. The program will be marked by the appearance of Santa Claus.

The annual Christmas Candle-lighting Service will begin at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve

## A Quiet Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. William Dutra of Third Street, Niles, are spending their first Christmas together (they were married in August), but it will have to be a fairly quiet one, for Mrs. Dutra is recovering from a major operation performed at the O'Connor Hospital in San Jose. She returned from the hospital last Saturday, after nine days spent there.

## Get Well Wishes

Friends of Mrs. C. L. Hill of Niles will be sorry to learn that after battling an illness for a couple of months, she has found it necessary to give up and go to bed. She is being cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Ed Olsen of Oakland, who says that her mother is really seriously ill. Her many friends here will be sending "get-well" wishes along with their Christmas greetings.

## Christening Ceremonies

Little Rosemary Damas, seven weeks' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Damas of Santos Avenue, was christened at Holy Ghost Church last Thursday with the Rev. Father O'Connor officiating.

The godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Castro of Niles.

A dinner celebrating the event was held at the Damas home for the Castros, and Mr. and Mrs. L.

## J. Cunha of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fields of Niles.

## Newarkites at Party

Mr. and Mrs. Alex de Knoop of Newark were guests at a birthday party in Pleasanton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Minchokovich. The highlight of the party was the viewing of a brand new television set, which was the Christmas gift the Minchokovich family gave themselves.

## Here from Okinawa

Major Fred Rogers and family arrived in Centerville Monday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers. Major Rogers, his wife and four-year-old daughter, have just returned from Okinawa where he was stationed with the U. S. Air Force for the past two years. At the conclusion of his furlough he will report to an air base in Louisiana.

## Ensign Bendel Home

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bendel of Niles feel very fortunate indeed in having their son, Ensign Roland Bendel Jr., home with them for the holiday season. The young ensign drove across country from Pensacola, Florida, where he attends flight training school. He left last Friday with two other traveling companions and arrived Sunday night, driving a non-stop

trip. He will be here until the 30th.

## Buehlers Return From Vacation

Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Buehler have returned to their home in Niles after a very pleasant week's vacation spent in Glendale visiting former townshippers, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Westphal. Enroute home they stopped off at Carmel for a short stay.

Christmas Baking Needs  
For Tasty Pies

Mince Meat	English Maid—28-oz. Glass	35¢
Red Tart Cherries	Honey Bird, Pitted No. 2 Can	29¢
Sliced Apples	Lucky Leaf—No. 2 Can	17¢
Moonbeam Pumpkin	No. 2½ Can	10¢
Pie Crust Mix	Pillsbury—9-oz. Package	15¢

## For Cakes &amp; Puddings

Cake Flour	Softasilk—44-oz. Package	35¢
Glace Fruit Mix	S&W or Lyon's—1-lb.	39¢
Brown Sugar	1-lb. Package	10¢
Seedless Raisins	Sun-Maid—15-oz. Pkg.	15¢
Vanilla Extract	Schilling's—2-oz. Glass	35¢

## For Other Baked Foods

Kitchen Craft Flour	10-lb. Bag	83¢
Royal Satin Shortening	3-lb. Can	69¢
Karo Syrup	Crystal White—1½-lb. Glass	19¢
Hot Roll Mix	Duff's—14½-oz. Package	24¢
Cake Mix	Betty Crocker Devil's Food or Party 20-oz. Package	33¢
Bisquick	Gold Medal Biscuit Flour—40-oz.	39¢
	Shelled Walnuts	8-oz. Cello

Festive foods are as much a part of Christmas as holly wreaths and mistletoe. Be sure of perfect eating enjoyment throughout the holidays. Supply all your food needs at Safeway. Only foods which meet high standards of quality are offered here. Every item is backed by Safeway's guarantee of complete satisfaction. Check the lists below for holiday shopping suggestions.

<b>Spring House Butter</b>	1st Quality, Cubes 1-lb. Carton	65¢
<b>Del Monte Peas</b>	Early Garden—17-oz. Can	2 for 33¢
<b>Folgers or M.J.B Coffee</b>	1-lb.	69¢
<b>Cherub Milk</b>	Evaporated—Tall Cans	3 for 25¢
<b>Sliced Pineapple</b>	Libby or Dole—No. 2 Can	25¢
<b>Mild Cheddar Cheese</b>	Chatham, Bulk—Pound	49¢
<b>Crisco Shortening</b>	3-lb. Can	75¢

All items subject to stock on hand—Right to limit reserved

## Menu Selections

## To Serve as Appetizers

<b>Tea Timer Crackers</b>	1-lb. Package	25¢
<b>Cream Cheese</b>	Kraft Phila. or Pimento 3-oz. Package	15¢
<b>Green Olives</b>	House Party—10-oz. Glass	25¢
<b>Pineapple Juice</b>	Libby or Dole—No. 2 Can	14¢
<b>Shady River Shrimp</b>	Small, Wet Pack 5-oz. Can	38¢

## Relishes &amp; Dressings

<b>Sweet Pickles</b>	Sliced—Lady's Choice 24-oz. Glass	35¢
<b>S&amp;W Ripe Olives</b>	Mammoth—No. 1 Can	35¢
<b>India Relish</b>	Heinz—10-oz. Glass	25¢
<b>Salad Dressing</b>	Duchess—Quart Glass	49¢
<b>French Dressing</b>	Girard's—8-oz. Glass	27¢

## To Serve With Dinner

<b>Cranberry Sauce</b>	Ocean Spray 16-oz. Can	2 for 25¢
<b>Apple Sauce</b>	Lakemead, Sonoma Gravensteins No. 2 Can	15¢
<b>New Potatoes</b>	Irish—Beverly—No. 300 Can	10¢
<b>Fancy Tomatoes</b>	Flottill, S. P.—15½-oz. Can	10¢
<b>Green Beans</b>	Whole—Briargate, Vertical Pak No. 2 Can	29¢
<b>Sugar Belle Peas</b>	Sweet—#303 Can	15¢
<b>Niblets Mexicorn</b>	12-oz. Can	16¢

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**Fancy Smoked Hams** For Baking. Whole, Either  
Half or Butt Portion—lb. **52¢**

**Pork Loin Roast** Fresh, Tender Pork—Half, Whole,  
or Loin End Cuts—lb. **43¢**

**Standing Rib Roast** Of Beef. Fine Tender Cuts for  
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**OVEN-READY POULTRY**

**ROASTING DUCKS** Genuine, Long Island—lb. **73¢**

**YOUNG FOWL** Tender Meated for Fricassee—lb. **65¢**

**LARGE ROASTERS** Select Eastern. Full of Flavor Meat—lb. **73¢**

**TOMATO JUICE** Sunny Dawn—No. 2 Can  
3 for **25¢**

**CHOCOLATE SQUARES** Suchard's—Milka, Almond or Crisp  
Reg. Pkg. **25¢**

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## Candies &amp; Nuts

<b>Chocolate Drops</b>	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	25¢
<b>Swedish Mints</b>	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	29¢
<b>Cherries</b>	Chocolate Coated—Chase—1-lb. Box	49¢
<b>Satin Mix Candy</b>	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	25¢
<b>Terry's Thin Mints</b>	Choc. Covered—1-lb.	49¢
<b>Jelly Beans</b>	Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello	25¢

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Brazil Nuts

Ensign—1-lb. Cello

Large Filberts

Ensign—1-lb. Cello

Paper Shell Pecans

Funstens—1-lb. Cello

Large Budded Walnuts

Diamond—1-lb. **42¢**

## Desserts &amp; Beverages

Jane Martin Fruit Cake

1-lb. 10-oz. **69¢**

R & R Plum Pudding

16-oz. Can **45¢**



**PRIZE WINNER . . .** Daniel L. Silva, Mission San Jose, right, accepts a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond from Joe Adams, Centerville Ford dealer, as his prize in the nation-wide Ford Safety Contest. Silva, who received his entry blank from the Adams Garage following a safety check of his car, was one of 700 winners throughout the nation.

—Stiniliver Photo

### CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES LAGGING

Christmas Seal sale contributions are below last year's returns for a comparable period, however, it is too early to draw final conclusions, revealed Mrs. J. R. Whipple, Seal Sale chairman of Washington Township.

Emphasizing that the Association

depends entirely on Seal Sale funds to finance the program for the coming year, Mrs. Whipple said that the plans for the 1950 program would include an even bigger free chest x-ray program to discover unknown tuberculosis and heart conditions.

Apples are grown in 53 of California's 58 counties.



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### WHITAKER PHARMACY NILES

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Peace, love of life, kindness and the brotherhood of all people.

### SCENE IN CENTERVILLE

By IRENE MENDONCA



**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**  
The Centerville Elementary School held its Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 16, with orchestra and Carol Jeanne's dancing class participating. In the afternoon Santa Claus visited the school at a party sponsored by the P.T.A.

#### MEETING DATE SET

Council No. 4 of S.P.R.S.I. have set January 5 for their next regular meeting, which will be held in the Parish Hall.

Following the meeting there will be a social gathering, at which time current birthdays of the members will be celebrated and refreshments served.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Belsaw and family will be dinner guests of the Ben Murphys of Niles on Christmas day.

#### MOTOR TO SONORA

Mr. and Mrs. Al Martin and children of Centerville motored to Sonora one day last week to visit with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houck.

#### CHRISTMAS IN SACRAMENTO

Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin De Valle and family are planning to spend Christmas in Sacramento with their son, Dick, and family.

#### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Breakfast guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Voorhees of Mt. Vernon Avenue on Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Matt Whitfield and Matt Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Voorhees Sr.

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**CHRISTMAS AT HOME**  
Lorraine Brown of Joseph Street, who is attending St. Joseph's Nursing College in San Francisco, will be home to spend Christmas with her family, the John F. Browns.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family will attend midnight mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas day, dinner guests at the Brown residence will be Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sylvia and family, Mrs. Josie Bettencourt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and Andrew Costa.

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The annual St. Jude Y.L.I. and Y.M.I. potluck Christmas party, which was held on December 18 at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Mission San Jose, was a huge success, it was reported by Antoinette Pimentel, publicity chairman.

The children received gifts from Santa Claus and the older people enjoyed dancing.

Adeline Fontes was in charge of arrangements. The St. Jude members received their first monthly bulletin. The committee should be congratulated on their splendid work.

#### NATIVE DAUGHTER PARTY

Santa visited the Betsy Ross Parlor of Native Daughters through the medium of a novel exchange of gifts. Twenty-nine members enjoyed the festive and cheerful party. Madaline Caldiera and Ann Castro served the refreshments consisting of home made pumpkin and mince meat pies. Matilda Enos presented the Parlor with a box of chocolates.

An extremely handsome homemade Pierott was donated by Bernice Arbini of El Cereso Parlor, San Leandro, who is the parlor's deputy.

President Betty Andrade accepted this prized gift, which, by auction, netted the treasury a small sum. This toy was purchased by Eldina Garcia of Mission San Jose, who is the mother of a Native Daughter adopted baby.

Lovely Christmas decorations predominated throughout the meeting hall, climaxed by a brilliantly lighted tree.

Betsy Ross Parlor planned upon delivery of a basket filled with food and supplies to a deserving person on Christmas Day.

### REBEKAH NEWS

The members of Silver Star Rebekah Lodge No. 336 and their families gathered at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington, last Sunday afternoon for the annual turkey dinner and Christmas party. Over one hundred enjoyed the dinner and program. Santa Claus made his appearance also with gifts for all.

Installation of recently elected officers of the lodge will be held January 6 at the Irvington Hall, under the direction of Inger Horning, district deputy president, and her staff.

The members of the Friendly Sewing Circle (Rebekahs) will hold their annual luncheon and installation of officers on Wednesday afternoon, January 11, at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington.

The members of Necona Theta Rho Club No. 46 will meet at the Irvington Hall Monday evening, January 16.

### FIREMEN'S GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

Dallas C. Paul, member of the Centerville volunteer fire department, was elected second vice-president of the Southern Alameda County Firemen's Association at a meeting of that group held last week at the Newark Pavilion.

Paul, who has been a member of the Centerville department for the past ten years and is a past secretary, was the only Washington Township man named in the slate of new officers for the Association.

An estimated 240 persons attended the annual ladies night dinner at the pavilion, enjoying a stage show and dancing to the music of Frank Gyax and his orchestra.

Cordials and liqueurs accounted for 2.5 per cent of all distilled liquor consumed in the United States in 1948.

Development of the Columbia sheep was begun in 1912 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



We hope we've told all our friends, but if we've missed you, then Merry Christmas.



### The night before Christmas...

Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.

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Season's Greetings

May all the wonderful things that go with Christmas be yours in the fullest abundance this year.

From all of us here to all of you—a most happy holiday.

### PEERLESS STAGES



The warmth of spirit that accompanies every Christmas season is with us again in 1949. Our wish is that you can participate to the fullest in a universal MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Much Joy



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Let us  
welcome the season  
with open hearts  
and the music  
of carols.

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In a sincere  
wish that you  
and your fami-  
ly may gather  
together this  
year for a  
merry, merry  
Christmas.

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A truly Merry  
Christmas  
to our good  
friends and  
neigh-  
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## MISSION SAN JOSE

By LOIS BOTTEMBERG



### ANNUAL PARTY

The Youth Center of the Mission held their annual Christmas party at the I.D.E.S. Hall Thursday evening with a good attendance. The hall was decorated in festive holiday colors and being it was one of the member's birthday, they had a lovely birthday cake to cut, and serve with their soft drinks.

### RECOVERING

Mrs. Florence Medeiros, who has been confined at home with a case of the shingles, is up and around now and may be able to enjoy a bit of Christmas with her family.

### TANGLE AND TWIST

On December 13 the Junior Rifle team of the Tangle and Twist Club held their annual election of officers at the P. G. and E. clubhouse in Newark. Those to assume charge for the coming year are: President, Ralph Juhl; vice-president, Robert Brahmst; secretary-treasurer, LeRoy Broun; range officer, Jim Gould; sergeant-at-arms, LeRoy Brown. This club has been a junior part of the original Tangle and Twist Fishing Club of the Mission for a number of years. The senior team was organized about eighteen years ago and later became a rifle club as well as a fishing club. It originated in Mission but has members from all the township. Mr. Paul Hunt is the advisor and trainer of the junior boys. Thanks to him for this information. Your correspondent has always felt a keen interest in this club for it was at her home many years ago that their first annual dinner was held when Harley Justus, the late Fritz Hernandez, Frank Brackendorf and the late George Darrow, Joseph Pereria and others organized it.

### FIRST DINNER

The home of the Bill Jibsons in Niles was a busy place last Sunday as they served a first Christmas dinner at their home for Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Justus, daughter Cynthia and son, Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Santos, and other members of their family. Next Sunday they will go to the Justus home in El Cerrito where they will meet Santa Claus.

### AT FIREMEN'S DOINGS

Many folks from the Mission went to the Newark Pavilion last Thursday evening to attend the Christmas dinner and election of officers of the Alameda County Firemen's Association. They were Commissioner and Mrs. Cy Solon, George and Mary Rodrigues, Teeenie and Frank Alberts, Irma and Frank Vargas (by the way, Frank had an accident, the table upset, putting all the olives, celery and hot peppers in his lap, but he was lucky for some of the other occupants got gooey cream spilled on them), Tom and Hortense Cunha, Chet and Maude Holtz, and Lois and Glenn Bottenberg. Food was good, entertainment fine and dancing was a lively ending to a swell evening.

The Mission San Jose Firemen held their annual Christmas dinner Tuesday evening at the I.D.E.S. Hall with the women of the department doing the honors of cheffing. A good attendance was noted and each one gave a few short words of appreciation. Chief Perreira was master of ceremonies and since the mention of forming an auxiliary has been brought up many times, it was decided that it was a good time to begin, so an election (or should I say "a railroading") took place with Lois Bottenberg as president, Winifred Fernandez, vice-president; Kathleen Amaral, secretary; Mary Rodrigues, treasurer, and Betty Andrade, sergeant-at-arms. A sale of excess foods and a set of fines imposed upon those who attended without firemen's hats netted the women a beginning treasury. They will have their first meeting on Tuesday, January 3, with the men at the school to find out what their duties will be (and secretly, to keep an eye on their men).

The post office at Mission has really gotten a holiday look about it now for last evening one of the admirers of the post office (and its staff) brought in three lovely holly wreaths and added them to the other decorations, so even in the winter when flowers are scarce, someone is kind enough to supply us with in-season decorations.



### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Here are little pieces of conversation I heard this week. They all revolve around the subject that is uppermost in our minds now—Christmas.

Boy, tearfully to his mother: "Okay, then, Mom, if you won't let me go to the movies I just won't give you that Christmas present I got for you . . . (sob, sob) . . . You'll be sorry."

Woman to another woman: "I always wait until people send me Christmas cards, then I send one to you. You don't waste any that way." (The Christmas spirit!)

Woman: "I don't know whether to get a big turkey and invite people in the next day for cold turkey, or get a small one and have it just for ourselves."

A husband, to a salesgirl: "I want something for my wife that looks kind of expensive—but doesn't cost very much."

A wife: "Well, my husband and I have decided not to exchange gifts this year. You know, we've had so many expenses. But (giggle) I really think he's already got me something . . . I wonder what it is."

A husband—in a weary voice: "Well, all I want for Christmas is a nice quiet day at home, but with a couple of teen-age kids . . . oh, well, they're nice kids even if they ARE noisy."

Woman to another woman: "Well, my husband is going to get me a fur coat, but I said 'Honey, I really don't need a fur coat. Let's get something for the house instead.'

The other woman to first woman: "I know what you mean. My husband was going to get me a diamond watch, but I said the same thing to him." (Well, anyway, they can dream, can't they?)

### YOU TOO?

Are we an average family? I mean, is this the sort of dialogue that might be going on in YOUR house these days before Christmas? This is a fair sample:

No, you positively can't have a piece of this nut bread now. It's for over the Christmas holiday. . . . No, it WON'T get stale by then. . . . Yes, you may have a piece then if you leave me alone now. . . . Of course the dog can't have a piece then! Should I be slaving away on nut bread for a DOG? . . . OF COURSE I like him, but I don't want him around under my feet all the time. And I DON'T want him eating any of this bread. . . . Why don't you go out and play? . . . Yes, I know your poison-oak itches. Why, in the name of heaven, did you have to go out in the poison-oak right before Christmas? . . . Will you please turn off the Christmas tree lights? . . . But that's silly! There's no sense in having them on in the daytime. . . . Now where is all that Christmas ribbon I bought to wrap my packages with? . . . You used it ALL? And my paper too? . . . I DIDN'T say your packages aren't pretty! I merely said you've used enough paper and ribbon to wrap packages for FIVE families. . . . Now, why don't you go out and play? . . . Oh yes, I forgot about your poison-oak. Maybe you'd better stay in, and—why don't you listen to the radio? . . . Well, what's the matter with Christmas carols? They're very beautiful. You're old enough now to appreciate good music. . . . Yes, of COURSE, the music you play on your trumpet is good music. . . . Now? Oh, do you HAVE to play it right NOW, just when I'm reading this recipe for Tom and Jerry batter? . . . No, I'm sorry, but you can't have any. . . . Well, it may LOOK like padding, but it isn't. . . . Of COURSE I do too like you! I love you, but you still can't have any of this Tom and Jerry. . . . Why? Because you're not big enough, that's why. . . . Yes, I know you're almost as tall as I am. What I really meant was, you're not OLD enough. . . . It doesn't make any difference how old I am! . . . I don't CARE if other kids know how old their mothers are. What difference does it make? . . . Why I am NOT older than your father! What makes you say that?

Why don't you go out and PLAY. . . . And stop eating all those nuts I'm cracking! . . .

Yes, I'm cracking.

Our good friend, George Barker (surely by now you know he is in his eighties, as I have told about him before) came in to the office about three months ago with a little article he had written about "love."

Every week since, he has been in to see me, asking "When will you print my piece about love?" "But we have so little space," I would always say. "Maybe next week."

I always felt mean about it, although it is true—we do have so little space.

But last week when he was in, I made his old eyes brighten when I said, "We'll use it in our Christmas issue. Christmas is a good time to talk about love."

So here it is. It has been cut down some, but I think you'll get the gist of it. I like especially the part about the dog being such a devoted friend. (But I'd better not get into a discussion about dogs again. It leads to bloodshed!)

"Love," says Webster, "is a strong feeling of affection, fondness, tender affection for one of the opposite sex. A person loved."

"There is the love of a parent for his child, the mainstay of a healthy, happy childhood. From this background of love bestowed on him by fond parents who make sacrifices if necessary for his well-being. He matures into courteous, thoughtful, considerate manhood."

and holds strong to high ideals manifested by his very manner in dealing with all persons with whom he comes in contact. He is not an uncouth individual who shoves the other fellow around. He is surely worthy of all commendation and praise for his spirit of fair play.

"The dog is man's best friend" is an old axiom, born out by the blind devotion of a dog for his master. He will welcome his master home with moist affection, his body keyed up in anticipation of the pat he knows he will get. He shows his affection wholeheartedly. A dog will lay down his life, if necessary, to save his master.

"Then there is the love of God for His children. Who is the person who has been ill of mind and body who has not felt the comforting strength of a God in whom he can pour out his troubles?

"He truly loves His children, one and all, white, black, yellow—they are all alike to him. The plant that comes into bloom, the rippling stream, the song of birds, the beauties of nature—all of these are evidences of God's love for His children.

"Love embraces all in some manner or fashion, and life is better because of it."

—By George Barker

### STUDY CLUB TO MEET

The Study Club of St. Jude's Institute, Y.L.I., of Irvington, will meet Tuesday, December 27, at 7 p.m., in the I.O.O.F. Hall in Irvington.

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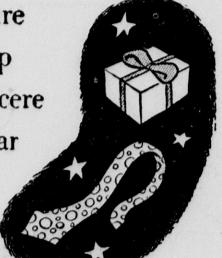
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1949

As a partial measure  
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we express the sincere  
hope that this year  
holds for you  
a perfect  
Christmas.



May it be touched  
with the same kind  
of serenity that  
accompanies a  
Christmas Eve  
snowfall.

Santa Claus will be at the Peerless Stage Depot Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 with presents for all the kiddies

PEERLESS STAGE DEPOT  
Niles

# YES, VIRGINIA

"Yes, indeed!"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds."

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little."

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge."

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginians. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished."

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!"

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see."

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world."

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond."

"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?:

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he

trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his



The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost.

And for what it's worth, we offer our  
heartiest wishes  
for a very Merry  
Christmas.

CENTRAL CHEVROLET

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## Poinsettias

The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret — so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

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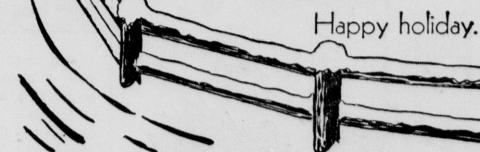
From us to you, sincere good wishes for a Happy Yuletide!

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For a smile on every face  
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we commend you to the spirit  
of Christmas.



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December 29—President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beauvais.

December 31—The 80th congress, denounced by President Truman as the second worst on record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31—At year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.

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The tide of good will again is full across the earth. Our wish is that it flood your heart with happiness and make this your Merriest Christmas.

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AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Symbolic of our nation at this festive season of the year is this picture of little Ethel Gorman, 4, daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christmas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the statue staff on Bedloe's Island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty herself stays right on the job, blazing her message of peace and good will.

### 98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully-decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was renamed Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.



SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863, saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.

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AND YOUR WHOLE  
FAMILY OUR  
BEST WISHES.



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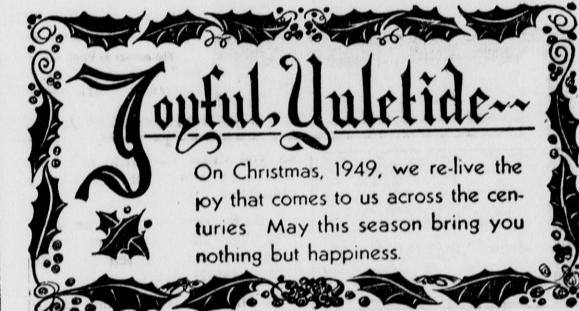
May  
the blessings of  
Christmas  
descend  
upon your homes  
in  
abundance.



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FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY  
CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO  
ALL OF YOU.

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*Merry Christmas*  
1949

In the same cheery manner  
the words "Merry Christ-  
mas" come to you with our  
hope that all the season's  
happiness and joy be yours.

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May the stars  
in the heavens shine  
as never before on  
your Christmas  
happiness this year.

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and  
a wealth of joy  
this  
Christmas Day.

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Centerville



ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fall him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

Christmas With the Pioneers  
Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain land watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and you sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy country with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But with all these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.



JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

Mistletoe Distinct  
As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough  
At our Christmas board  
Shall hang to the honor  
Of Christ our Lord.

## INSTALL NEW MACHINERY

Joseph Bauhofer and sons, William and Joseph Jr., owners and operators of Cloverdale Creamery in Centerville, have just installed a new \$2,500 milk bottle washer

of the latest design.

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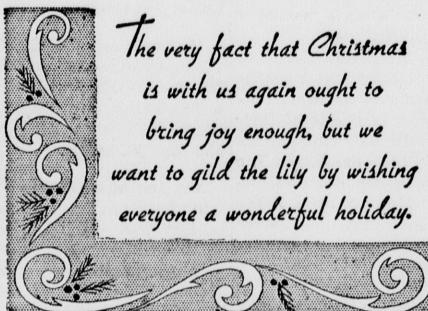
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The spirit of Christmas has descended on the Township as in many other parts of the world, and "Silent Night" is the theme song of homes all over the land.

In the township, as elsewhere, family parties on Christmas day are the rule. At no other time during the year do families feel drawn together as they do at the Yule season. It is especially true in the township where families have lived here for several generations and relatives abound.

Let us see how some of our friends and neighbors will be spending the Christmas holiday:

\* \* \* \* \*

The A. W. COTTON family of Newark won't have one of their daughters — Marjorie — home for Christmas, but they'll have their two other daughters, Bobbie and Ruthie, with them for the holiday. Also present will be Ruthie's husband, John Lambert, who will be spending his first Christmas with his bride's family. Marjorie is teaching in Tacoma, Washington, and living with an aunt there. A little bit of the state of Washington came down to the Cotton family this week, in the form of a real live Christmas tree, one of Washington's finest, sent by their relatives up there.

Guests at the BERNARD BROWNSTEIN residence in the Ellsworth Orchard will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Belinsky, who will motor up here from their home in Long Beach.

The FRANKLIN BROWNS of Newark will be guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. H. Sayles, also of Newark. Also present will be Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. Josephine Brown, and Mrs. Brown's sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Logan and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Lund.

Mr. and Mrs. JOAQUIN CALDEIRA of Newark will have all the members of their family present for a big family gathering on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD P. COSTA of Newark will be guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Lewis of Centerville. Other guests at the Lewis home will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lewis, and Miss Mitzi Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HIBNER of Niles will have as their dinner guests their niece, Miss Jean Van Camp, who is in nurses' training at Highland Hospital, and Evan Parry.

Guests of Mrs. M. D. SILVA of Newark for Christmas dinner will be her son, Eugene Silva and his wife and son; and her two brothers, John E. Dutra of Centerville, and Bill Dutra of Newark, and their wives and families.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. HODGE of Niles are looking forward to the arrival of their nephew, Grant Lipelt, who is in the service at San Diego. They are not quite sure that he will arrive in time for Christmas dinner, but they are hoping. With him will be his wife.

Mrs. GEORGIANA HOSKINS of Niles will spend Christmas day with her son, John Hoskins, and his wife and two children at their home in San Mateo. Accompanying Mrs. Hoskins will be Miss Olive Hoskins and Mrs. F. V. Jones.

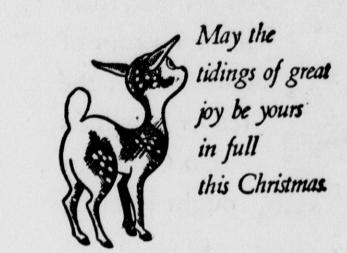
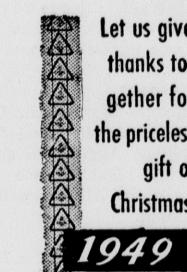
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. PATTERSON of Newark will be in the enviable position of having their three sons and their wives, and all of the seven grandchildren home for Christmas Eve. The three sons are John of Irvington; David, who is living in Pittsburg; and Don-

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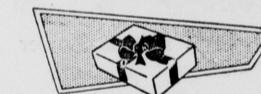
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### DAY BY DAY IN DECOTO

By GRACE CAMINADA



Grace Caminada

#### YOUNGSTERS EAT

Boy Scouts and the Junior Traffic Patrol of Decoto were treated to a feed and a Christmas program at the Decoto Elementary School last Saturday night by the Chamber of Commerce. Joe Caldeira was the chairman of arrangements.

#### AT THE FIGHT

Frank Scorpiniti and Eddie Delgado attended the 10-round fight at the Oakland Auditorium arena last Monday night to see Joe Louis knock out Al Hoosman in the fifth round.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The first graders of Miss Larson's class of the Decoto School had a Christmas party last Friday morning at 10 o'clock. After their lunch and party they all met Santa. Accordion solos were played by Charles Scorpiniti. Also various records were played.

#### HE LOSES ONE

Harry Carvalho of Decoto lost a five-round fight Monday night at the Oakland auditorium. His opponent was Frankie Sequiera.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peixotto will have Christmas dinner at their home. Guests will include Mrs. Mary Luna, Miss Nettie Luna, Mrs. Mary Duarte, all of Decoto; Mr. and Mrs. Bill William and family of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Knobles and family of Hayward, and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Luna of Alameda.

#### SANTA VISITS

Last Friday Santa visited the Decoto school, giving a bag of candy to the children. The candy was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch and the P.T.A. Also parties were held in all the classrooms.

Each room mother assisted the teacher in making some kind of refreshment for the class.

#### GET-WELL WISHES

A speedy recovery to Mr. Tony Amaral who was taken to the hospital last week-end. He is at the Merritt Hospital.

#### VISITING

Mrs. Mary Silva was visiting last week-end up the valley and was missed at church Sunday.

#### ON SKI JAUNT

Arnold Bassignani, anxious to try out his new skis, motored to Yosemite last week-end with Al Leonard of Valle Vista.

#### NEW BABY

Little Barbara Louise Vidrio, 7 pounds and 11 ounces, made her first appearance last Thursday, December 1, at the Hayward Hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Vidrio of Decoto.

#### HELPING OUT

Mrs. Ethel Avilla, librarian of the Decoto branch of Alameda County, is now helping out at the San Lorenzo branch library on Hesperian Boulevard.

#### BACK ON JOB

After a long rest on sick leave Tony Bettencourt was finally able to return to work at the chemical works in Newark Monday morning.

#### FIREMEN'S DINNER

Last Wednesday, December 14, the local firemen, together with the departments of Oakland and the township, joined together for a dinner at the Newark Pavilion.

#### THURSDAY DINNER

Those from Decoto attending the turkey dinner and dance were Mr.

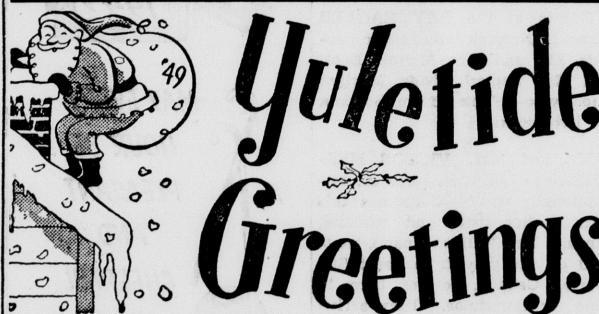
and Mrs. Kenneth Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel "Shorty" Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Seaneo, Mr. and Mrs.

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### HOW THEY'LL SPEND CHRISTMAS

(Continued from page 9)

The M. L. FOURNIERS of Niles will spend Christmas Eve at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Silva (Muriel Fournier) in Hayward, but will spend Christmas day as dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett at their home in East Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK FIELDS of Niles will motor to Hayward to a family dinner party at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruno.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. GRAU will

spend Christmas Eve at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson of Oakland, and will motor over to San Mateo on Christmas day to be guests of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Tedesco, who is having a big family dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT BLACOW, accompanied by Mrs. MILDRED WILDER, will motor up to Berkeley to be dinner guests at the home of Miss Rose's niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson.

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*...Around the Township...*

## NORMA BIALE BECOMES BRIDE OF HAROLD BURNS AT NUPTIAL MASS LAST MONDAY

Wearing a pink crepe afternoon dress, with a matching pink hat, Miss Norma Biale of Niles walked down the aisle of Corpus Christi Church at a nuptial mass Monday morning to become the bride of Mr. Harold Burns. Her bouquet was fashioned of pink carnations and boudoiria.

Escorted to the altar by her uncle, Mr. Dan Quartaroli, the bride had her sister, Thelma, as her only attendant. Thelma wore a nutria crepe dress with a beige straw hat, and carried a bouquet of yellow carnations tied with green satin ribbon.

Doing best man honors was Samuel Burns, the bridegroom's brother. Mrs. Clarence Crane was at the organ for the wedding music, and Father Hennessy officiated at the ceremony.

Following the wedding a small reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Biale, with only relatives and close

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friends present to felicitate the happy pair.

The newlyweds have motored south for a two weeks' honeymoon, and will return to make their home in Niles, where Mr. Burns operates a cabinet-making shop. The bride is a teacher at the Centerville Elementary School.

## Holiday Party for High School Set

One of the gay events of the high school crowd during the holiday season was the party given last Saturday night by co-hostesses Margaret Cole and Alma Clark, at the Cole home on Fremont Avenue.

Dancing and refreshments were the order of the evening. The guests who enjoyed the affair included Myrtle Hernandez, Betty Jacinto, Shirley Neighbors, Gerry Miller, Betty Lizardo, Louise Miller, Nonie Beck, Charlotte Seward, Mary Ann Gigger, Anna Mae Pierce, Antone Souza, John Castileman, Louis Avilla, Dan Goularte, Bob de la Torre, Len Salvador, Skippy del Fiorentino, Jim Griffin, Bob Sausedo, John Meeker, Don Pine and Don Burnham.

## To See Pageant

Motoring down from Alameda last Sunday to attend the Pageant at the high school were Mr. and Mrs. John M. Toedt, long-time friends of Dwight and Harriet Thornburg. After the pageant the two couples spent the evening together and dined al fresco at the Thornburg home.

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## PAT HARROLD BECOMES BRIDE AT CEEMONY AT GRACE CATHEDRAL

Miss Elaine "Pat" Harrold made a lovely picture when she became the bride of John A. Thomson last Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Chapel of Grace at the Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. As she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, she was dressed in a gown of ivory satin trimmed with rose-point lace, with a heart-shaped neckline and a skirt draped with lace. Her ivory-colored illusion veil was also trimmed with rose-point lace. The wedding dress belonged to Pat's mother. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

William Fisher of Los Angeles was best man. The ushers were Herbert F. Harrold Jr., William M. Kishen Jr. and Charles Gunn of Pasadena, and Howard A. Collins of Greenbrae, Marin County.

Mrs. Harrold chose for her daughter's wedding a navy blue tailored frock trimmed in white and wore a winter white hat. She and the groom's mother wore lavender orchid corsages. Mrs. Thomson was in grey moire silk with a black velvet hat.

A reception was held at the bride's parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harrold of Whipple Road. When the couple left for their honeymoon, destination not disclosed, Pat wore a brown gabardine suit with a brown hat and a corsage of white orchids. They will reside on Telegraph Hill after their honeymoon.

—Grace Caminada

## THE EDWARD DUTRAS HONEYMOONING IN SOUTH; TO RETURN IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

The township's newlywed roster added the names of Miss Gertrude Mozzetti and Edward Dutra with the couple's wedding at St. Joseph's Church in Mission San Jose last Saturday evening at a seven o'clock ceremony.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Leal in the presence of a large crowd of friends and well-wishers of the popular pair.

Mrs. Mozzetti of San Francisco, the bride's godfather, escorted her down the aisle. She repeated her vows in a white satin gown which was styled with Peter Pan collar, fitted bodice accented with seed pearls, and a long train. A crown of seed pearls, held by a French illusion finger-tip veil, completed her ensemble. She carried a prayer book and rosary, with a marker of white orchids and orange blossoms.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Enos. She carried a basket of baby orchids and wore the same in her hair, which offset her gown of antique gold satin.

The other attendants, Kathy Vieiros, Mrs. Laura Lee Mozzetti, and Mrs. Evelyn Rose, were in emerald green satin, which provided a perfect background for the baskets of bronze baby chrysanthemums which they carried. They wore the same flowers in their hair.

Doing best man honors was Gerald Dutra, and the ushers were Ben Mozzetti, Gilbert Dutra and Arnold Mozzetti.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Mabel Gomes, and Robert Lizardo was the soloist.

A reception at the Country Club immediately followed the ceremony, and the floral decorations done by Dorothy Czerny and Audrey Carmody brought plaudits from the many friends who came to felicitate the pair.

On a honeymoon in southern California and Mexico, the newlyweds expect to return home this week-end. They will live on Jones Way in Niles.

CHARLOTTE JANEIRO ANNOUNCES BETROTHAL TO WALTER BLAKE JR.

Romance seems to be in the air this Christmas season. Another couple to have succumbed to the little fellow with the bow and arrow are Walter Blake Jr. and Charlotte Janeiro.

The announcement of the couple's engagement was made last Saturday evening at a Christmas tree-trimming at the Blake home. Present in addition to the Blakes and Charlotte were Mr. and Mrs. Don Fjore. The bride-to-be is

To Spend Vacation In Arizona

Mrs. Fred Duffle of Niles, will leave on Christmas night, by bus, for Yuma, Arizona, to renew friendships she made there when she taught at an Indian school several years ago. She will be a guest of Bob and Marie Brauch.

She plans to return before school starts so that she can resume her teaching duties at the Tennyson school.

In the meantime, her husband and her son, Fred Jr., who is home from Cal and working at the Niles post office for the vacation, will "batch" it.

Boys in Guam Enjoy The Register

Word comes from John Conner from Guam to his mother, Mrs. Flora Conner, that the copy of The Register he receives every week is one of the highlights of the week, not only for him, but also to his friend, Eddie Cardoza, who is stationed at the Naval Air Station there at Agana. The two fellows get together and go over the items in The Register and have a real bull-session, so John writes.

John is from Niles and is with the Civilian Police in Guam. He signed up for a year, which will be up next July.

Miss Harriet Dias of Niles attended the annual Christmas party of her sorority last Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Charlene Reed of Berkeley.

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MR. AND MRS. MANUEL MELLO (center front) celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary recently. Shown with them at the dinner are (back row) Frank Perry, Manuel Perry, Jessie Perry, John Perry, and Tony Perry. Front row, Joe Mello, Rita Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Mello, and Frank Mello. —Stinhiber Photo

## Twenty-First Birthday Party at Claremont

Richard Brunelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Brunelli of Niles, had a real surprise on his twenty-first birthday. Thinking that he was going to the Claremont with only his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Plummer, he arrived at the hotel to find a whole crowd of his friends waiting to wish him "happy birthday."

Those who enjoyed the dinner-dancing included the Plummers, Gerry Fernandez, Adolph Enos, Wyni Dias, Wayne Davis, Barbara Re, Don Querner, Georgia Cooper, Harold Alameda, Cora Perez, Everett De Salles, Norma Bettencourt, Charlie Allen, Delfine Soito, Philip Erlewin, Nelda Hammond, Cyrus Caldeira, Elaine Joseph, Albert Silva, Phyllis Correia, and Mr. and Mrs. Brunelli.

Richard will return the day after Christmas to the General Motors school at Flint, Michigan, where he is taking a course that will be completed next August.

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Wedding Bells To Ring Tonight

Wedding bells will join with Christmas bells in ringing the glad tidings for Erlene Sudberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sudberry of the Alviso district, and Bill Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Adams of Newark. The young couple will exchange vows at a six-thirty o'clock ceremony this evening (Friday) at the Assembly of God Church in Centerville, and afterwards will leave for a brief honeymoon, to return next Monday and make their home in Newark.

The bride has been attending Washington High. Her husband-to-be also attended Washington High and is now employed at Jansons.

Home from Hospital

Miss Shirley Alameda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Alameda of Irvington, returned home Tuesday after a two-day sojourn in the San Jose Hospital, where she underwent an operation on her throat.

She is recuperating nicely, according to her family.

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## RONNIE OLIVER AND BARBARA SCRIVANI ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR SUMMER WEDDING

It will be a summer wedding years and now is attending Merritt Business College, in the mornings, and working at the University of California in the afternoons.

Ronnie is in his senior year at State and will receive his A.B. degree next June but will return for another year in order to receive his teaching credentials. He is a Washington Union High alumna.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. SMITH ON HONEYMOON IN CARMEL AFTER SATURDAY NUPTIALS

A simple wedding at Corpus Christi Church in Niles last Saturday afternoon in marriage Adele Bertolotti and George S. Smith.

The bride, daughter of Mr. A. P. Bertolotti of Newark, donned a white wool crepe dress for her wedding, and with it wore a feather hat. She carried a white orchid and prayer book.

Her sister, Mrs. Howard Buschke, was her only attendant. She wore a wine-colored crepe dress and carried a bouquet of white roses and boudoiria.

Mrs. George Smith, the bridegroom's mother, chose a gray crepe frock for her son's wedding, and with it wore a hat which was accented by pink roses, the same shade as the roses she wore in her corsage.

Leonard Smith performed best man honors for his brother.

The wedding music was supplied by Mrs. Rose Vieux, soloist, and Mrs. Clarence Crane at the organ.

Miss Wyni Dias did the floral decorations for both the church and the Smith home, where the reception was held, and was congratulated on all sides for her clever arrangements.

After the reception the young couple—high school sweethearts—left for a honeymoon to Carmel.

They will live in Los Angeles near the U.S.C. campus until the benedict finishes his course in pharmacy.

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NEWARK SCHOOL  
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plan. Yet to be built is another section housing seven more classrooms and a combination cafeteria and auditorium.

The new building utilizes picture windows in each classroom and has room-length drapes to darken the rooms for visual education movies.

Furniture and fixtures in each room are finished in light colors to give a cheerful appearance. Outdoor playgrounds, not yet completed, will segregate the primary pupils from the upper grades.

## DEDICATION IN SPRING

Just when the district will undertake the completion of the remaining portion of the building is not known but it is faced with the problem of making the move in the not too distant future. The old building, constructed in 1915, has been ruled inadequate in earthquake protection.

MacGregor said this week that dedication ceremonies will not be held until some time in the spring and at that time the school will hold open house.

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MRS. ROSE BELSHAW  
FATALLY INJURED

Mrs. Rose Dorothy Belshaw, 45,  
of 3455 Palomares Road, Hayward,  
was fatally injured in a highway  
crash on Pergola Hill about 4:30  
p.m. Wednesday evening, and will  
be given final rites in Niles on  
Saturday.

Mrs. Belshaw, a native of San  
Jose, was the wife of Joseph Bel-  
shaw; daughter of Salvador and  
Mari Riele of Hayward; sister of  
Phyllis Jagado, Hayward, Leona  
Cognina, Centerville, Louise Riele,  
Oakland, John Riele, Hayward,  
and Jasper Riele of Hayward.

A rosary service will be held at  
the parlors of the Berge Mortuary  
Company in Niles tonight (Friday)  
at 8 o'clock.

Services will be held from the  
parlors Saturday at 9:30 a.m. fol-  
lowed by a requiem mass at Cor-  
pus Christi Church at 10 a.m.

Interment will be at Holy Ghost  
Cemetery in Centerville.

The HARVEY BRAUNS will

have a big family dinner, with  
guests arriving from all points of  
the bay area. With the exception  
of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cozzi and  
son of an Francisco, all the rest  
of the guests are relatives. They

include Mr. and Mrs. Edward War-  
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